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RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 121

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Sir:

In response to the Election Requirement mailed July 9, 2004, Applicants elect **Group I**, with associated **claims 1-4, without traverse**, for prosecution in the above-captioned patent application. Moreover, within Group I, Applicants elect **Species 1A**, with associated **claim 1, without traverse**, for prosecution in the above-captioned patent application.

In this Election Requirement, the Examiner identified the following allegedly patentably distinct groups. The Examiner also requested that Applicant elect one of the two (2) groups for prosecution in the above-captioned patent application.

Group:

Associated Claims

Group I

Claims 1-4

Group II

Claims 5 and 6

Moreover, within Group 1, the Examiner identified the following allegedly patentably distinct species. If Applicants elected Group I for prosecution, the